



NAVAJO NATION PROCLAMATION

Declaring The Sunday Through Saturday Surrounding World Suicide Prevention Day, September 10th Annually as *Navajo Nation Suicide Prevention Week*

WHEREAS, Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the United States and the 7th leading cause of death on the Navajo Nation.

WHEREAS, in the United States, one person dies by suicide every 13 minutes.

WHEREAS, American Indian and Alaskan Native communities experience higher rates of suicide compared to all other racial and ethnic groups in the United States, with suicide being the 8th leading cause of death for American Indian and Alaskan Natives across all ages.

WHEREAS, the Navajo Nation realizes public awareness is key to preventing further loss of life, thus the Navajo Nation is committed to excellence in suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention.

WHEREAS, the Navajo Nation supports the leadership efforts of our Divisions, Departments, and Programs as advocates for life by promoting resiliency, culture, traditional values, faith, and providing education and direct services with the understanding that these efforts will create avenues toward reducing suicide.

THEREFORE NOW, I, JONATHAN NEZ, President of the Navajo Nation and I, MYRON LIZER, Vice President of the Navajo Nation do hereby proclaim the Sunday through Saturday surrounding World Suicide Prevention Day, September 10th annually shall be declared "Navajo Nation Suicide Prevention Week" in conjunction with National Suicide Prevention Week. I urge all Navajo leaders, employees, and citizens to be involved, participate, and assist in bringing suicide prevention awareness to our Navajo people.

PROCLAIMED THIS 22nd DAY OF JANUARY, 2019

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jonathan Nez".

Jonathan Nez, President
THE NAVAJO NATION

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Myron Lizer".

Myron Lizer, Vice President
THE NAVAJO NATION